(c) Vayudoot would commence operations to Malda and Balurghat shortly.

Supply of Iodized salt among the Goitre Epidemic Belt

2204. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to supply iodized salt among the goitre epidemic belt; and

(b) if so, what are details thereof indicating the assessment of this programme and success thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Government has launched a national Programme for control of Goitre and other Iodine Deficiency Disorders in the country through iodisation of the entire edible salt in phases to be completed by 1992.

Iodised salt is already being supplied through the Salt Commissioner to goitre endemic areas of the country stretching across the entire sub-himalayan region and includes the States of J and K, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur; Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, some districts of West Bengal, Gujarat, Maharastra, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Union Territories of Chandigarh, Delhi and A & N Islands.

A quantity of 11.66 lakh MTs of iodised salt has been produced during the year 1987-88 (upto January) against 7.56 lakh MTs during 1986-87 and a quantity of 10.46 lakh MTs of iodised salt has been distributed to the goitre endemic regions.

Complaints Against Railway Employees of Western Zone

2205. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA:
SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some complaints of corruption, rude behaviour, illegal activities, thefts etc. against Railway employees have been received during 1st January 1987 to 9th February 1988 from Rajkot, Baroda, Bhavanagar and other divisions of Western Railways;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) what are the details of the employees dismissed, removed, services terminated and suspended during the above period from each of the above divisions; and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1781 complaints relating to corruption, rude behaviour, illegal activities, thefts, etc., were received from Rajkot, Baroda, Bhavnagar and other Divisions of Western Railway. In addition, 19 cases were referred by Central Bureau of Investigation.

The scrutiny/investigation of complants by the Vigilance and the Security Departments has led to the punishment of 591 employees and disciplinary proceedings are in progress against 218 employees. In respect of another 167 employees investigation by the Security Department is in progress. Action is also being taken against erring/delinquent staff on complaints referred to or received directly by other Departments.